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Ms. Joy Hilton  
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Re: Permit Number NH 0090000

Dear Ms. Larson and Ms. Hilton:

As you both know, late last Thursday afternoon I was notified that the monthly testing for oil and grease at the McIntyre Outfall (Outfall 003) yielded a result of 15 mg/l. The daily maximum allowed by the permit is 10 mg/l. On Friday morning, I contacted your offices to notify you of the elevated reading. Since then, I have been in contact with airport users to try to identify the cause.

I have contacted all members of the Airport's pollution prevention team (PPT). These include: the fixed base operator, who provides fueling services for aircraft; the Air National Guard; Alpha Flying, the largest fleet operator; and the Airport maintenance staff. None of these organizations, nor any of the others on the PPT, was able to identify a possible cause for the oil and grease reading.

Activities on the airfield are monitored by operations agents who are on duty 24 hours a day. These agents are trained to inspect the airport for any situation that could pose a threat to the environment. Any observed release, or even potential release, of contaminants is acted upon and documented. There is no documented incident for the period immediately preceding the storm water sampling event.

In summary, I was not able to determine a source that would result in this oil and grease concentration. However, all airport users are now aware of the incident and will conduct their operations with a heightened sense of vigilance for pollutant sources.

Please contact me if you require any additional actions.

Sincerely,



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Cc: David R. Mullen, Executive Director, PDA  
Pollution Prevention Team

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